

of Wisconsin be and are hereby authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Saint Croix River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Stillwater, Minnesota, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Construction.
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SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the State of Minnesota and the State of Wisconsin all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its approaches as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State in which such real estate or other property is situated, upon making just compensation therefor, to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation or expropriation of property for public purposes in such State.

Right to acquire real estate, etc., for location, approaches, etc.

Condemnation proceedings.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, February 13, 1929.

CHAP. 195.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the county of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Monongahela River, in the city of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

February 13, 1929.

[H. R. 14146.]

[Public, No. 741.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the county of Allegheny, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Monongahela River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, approximately one and five-tenths miles above its junction with the Allegheny River, in the city of Pittsburgh, county of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Monongahela River.
Allegheny County
may bridge, at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Construction.
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SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, February 13, 1929.

CHAP. 197.—An Act To provide an additional method for collecting taxes in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

February 14, 1929.

[S. 3178.]

[Public, No. 742.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever any real estate in the District of Columbia has been or shall hereafter be sold for nonpayment of taxes or assessments of any kind whatsoever and shall have been bought in by the District of Columbia, and more than two years shall have elapsed since such bidding in, and the same has not been redeemed in the manner and on the terms provided by law, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may, in the name of and on behalf of the District of Columbia, apply to the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, sitting in equity, for the purpose of enforcing such tax lien by the said District of Columbia on the aforesaid property; and up to the time of the sale hereinafter provided for, such property may be redeemed by the

District of Columbia.
Lien on real estate for nonpayment of taxes, to be enforced if not redeemed in two years.

Redemption by owner before sale.

Court to decree sale at auction by collector of taxes.

Advertisement.

Proviso.
No penalty if defect in tax sale.
Interested persons made parties.

Fees or commissions not allowed.

Price restriction.

Surplus to be paid into court.

Title to purchaser on confirmation of sale, payment, etc.

Newspaper publication for personal service allowed.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

owner thereof by the payment of the taxes and all legal penalties and costs thereon and such other costs as the court may deem proper.

Upon the proof in such suit of the failure of the owner or owners of the property to redeem it as provided by law, the court shall, without unreasonable delay decree the sale of said property to satisfy the taxes, assessments, penalties, costs, and interest due the District of Columbia and the costs of the suit, and said sale shall be by the collector of taxes or his deputy, at public auction in front of said premises after advertisement of said sale for ten consecutive days in some daily newspaper of general circulation published in the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That if it shall appear that there were substantial defects in any tax sale, no part of the penalties and charges incidental to such sales shall be collectible. All persons interested in the property or entitled to redeem from such tax sale, shall be made parties thereto, and the proceeds from such judicial sale shall be applicable to the payment of the aggregate taxes, penalties, costs, including costs of such public advertising and sale, and interest due to the District of Columbia and the payment of costs of such suit. In no such case shall there be any allowance by the court for attorney's fees or trustees' commission.

No sale shall be made, unless by express order of the court, for an amount less than such aggregate taxes, interest, and costs of suit, including advertising and sale. Any surplus received from such sale over said amounts shall be paid by the collector of taxes into court to abide its further order for payment to the person or persons in equity entitled to receive it, if they shall be known. On confirmation of the sale by the court, the court shall cause to be issued to the purchaser, when he shall have paid the purchase money and complied with the terms of sale, a deed to be executed by the clerk of the court which shall have the effect to convey to the purchaser all the right, title, and estate of all parties defendant, whether proceeded against as known or unknown.

Publication may be substituted for personal service upon any defendants not personally served by the marshal, whether known or unknown, by advertisement in some daily newspaper published in the District of Columbia at least once a week for three successive weeks, the first of such advertisements to appear at least three weeks before any petition shall be filed, and such costs of publication shall be lawful charges and be included in the costs of suit.

SEC. 2. That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved, February 14, 1929.

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[S. 3771.]

[Public, No. 743.]

CHAP. 198.—An Act Vacating the alley between lots 16 and 17, square 1083, District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.
Alley in square 1083 vacated.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized to close, vacate, and abandon so much of the fifteen-foot public alley in square 1083 as lies between lots 16 and 17; same to revert in equal proportion to the abutting lots.

Approved, February 14, 1929.